Panel on Home Affairs

List of outstanding items for discussion (as at 9 February 2011)

Proposed timing for discussion

1. Implementation of the outstanding leisure and cultural services projects of the former municipal councils

The Panel received a referral from the meeting between Legislative Council ("LegCo") Members and Sha Tin District Council members on 10 June 2010 regarding the slow progress in the implementation of the outstanding leisure and cultural services projects of the former municipal councils in Sha Tin. With the concurrence of the Chairman, issues relating to the implementation of the outstanding leisure and cultural services projects of the former municipal councils are included on this list for future discussion.

11 February 2011

The Administration has agreed to brief the Panel on the subject in February 2011.

2. Territory-wide survey on Intangible Cultural Heritage ("ICH") in Hong Kong

An information paper to brief the Panel on the progress of the territory-wide survey on ICH will be issued in February 2011.

11 February 2011

3. Monitoring of unlicensed hotels and guesthouses

At the meeting on 11 June 2010, members agreed that issues relating to the monitoring of unlicensed hotels and guesthouses should be discussed, as suggested by Hon Paul TSE. At the meeting on 14 October 2010, Hon Paul TSE urged that the issue should be discussed as soon as possible for the early formulation of preventive measures. At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration agreed that the subject be

March 2011

discussed in March 2011.

4. Meeting with members of the Arts Development Council ("HKADC")

At the meeting on 14 October 2010, Hon Cyd HO considered that HKADC should review the election procedures for members returned by the arts constituencies, with a view to ensuring their fairness and transparency.

March 2011

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration agreed that HKADC members should be invited to attend the Panel meeting to exchange views with members on the work of HKADC and other related issues.

5. Promotion of arts and culture education

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration agreed to brief members on its initiatives to promotion arts and culture education.

March 2011

6. Advisory Committee on Arts Development ("ACAD")

Hon Tanya CHAN proposed to discuss issues relating to March 2011 the setting up of ACAD.

7. Monitoring of private recreational leases

At the meeting on 9 July 2010, members agreed that the compliance with the conditions of government leases by private clubs should be discussed, as suggested by Hon Tanya CHAN.

March 2011 or before July 2011

At the meeting on 14 October 2010, Hon Tanya CHAN suggested that the issue should be discussed no later than

Proposed timing for discussion

the end of 2010, as many of the government leases for private clubs would expire in 2011 or 2012.

The Administration advised that it needed more time to complete the review on private recreational leases policy.

8. Matter relating to the Village Representative ("VR") Elections

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration advised that the next VR election would be held from early to mid January 2011, and upon the conclusion of the elections, it would revert to the Panel with the key features of the arrangements and outcome of the elections.

April 2011

9. Regulation of internet cafes

At the meeting on 11 June 2010, members passed a motion to urge the Government to study the regulation of internet cafes by way of a licensing regime and draw up a timetable for conducting the study. The Administration agreed to revert to the Panel on the subject after consultation with various stakeholders and the public.

April 2011

10. Construction of a District Open Space, Sports Centre and Library in Area 74, Tseung Kwan O

The Administration has advised that the Sai Kung DC was consulted on the conceptual design of the project in September 2008. On the completion of the detailed design, the Administration will seek the funding approval of the Finance Committee in mid-2011.

May 2011

11. Implementation of District Minor Works projects

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the

May 2011

Proposed timing for discussion

Administration proposed to brief the Panel on issues related to the implementation of District Minor Works projects, such as the manpower requirement and the provision for the maintenance of these projects.

12. Vibrant people, harmonious community activities

At the informal meeting on 1 November 2010, the Administration proposed to brief the Panel on the implementation of the "Vibrant people, harmonious community activities" in the 18 districts.

May 2011

13. Strengthening the arts and cultural software of Hong Kong

At the meeting on 14 May 2010, members urged the Administration to review the level of subvention for performing arts groups. The Administration advised that a consultancy study had been commissioned to review the funding mechanism for performing arts to ensure the prudent use of public funds in a sustainable manner, to study the feasibility of introducing an "entry and exit" mechanism and providing a progression ladder for the performing arts sector for its flexible development, and to recommend what performing arts forms should fall within the subvention mechanism. The Administration agreed to revert to the Panel when the study was completed in 2011.

July 2011

14. Effective enforcement of maintenance orders

At the meeting on 11 June 2010, members noted the Administration's plan to consult the legal professional on the proposed legislative amendments to facilitate maintenance payees' collection of maintenance payment in the 4th quarter of 2010. Members agreed that public hearing should be conducted to listen to the views of deputations when the legislative proposals were presented to LegCo.

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15. Development of public library services

At the special meeting with the Public Libraries Advisory Committee ("PLAC") on 14 June 2010, members welcomed the suggestion for the Panel and PLAC to meet again in the future to further exchange views on issue relating to the development of library services.

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16. Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation

At the meeting on 14 May 2010, Hon KAM Nai-wai suggested that initiatives under the purview of the Home Affairs Bureau in the Framework Agreement on Hong Kong/Guangdong Co-operation should be discussed.

To be confirmed

17. Community development services

At the meeting on 13 November 2009, Hon CHEUNG Kwok-che suggested that the provision of community development services, in particular those services provided by the Home Affairs Department in collaboration with the welfare sector, should be discussed.

To be confirmed

18. Burial policy relating to indigenous inhabitants

This item was referred to the Panel by the Complaints Division which had dealt with a complaint from a member of the public about the lack of monitoring of the construction of graves for indigenous inhabitants. The Duty Roster Member handling the case had requested the Panel to follow up with the Administration on the existing burial policy relating to indigenous inhabitants.

To be confirmed

19. Sports development in Hong Kong

To be confirmed

Hon KAM Nai-wai suggested that issues relating to the timetable of the construction of sports venues, promotion of sports for all, and governance and monitoring of and funding for the National Sports Associations should be discussed.

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